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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Clifford  
4 Lohs of Elgin, who passed away on May 10, 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, He was born and raised in Elgin; he started his  
6 photography career with a 39-cent Univex camera and 10-cent  
7 film rolls as a member of Elgin High School's camera club; and

8           WHEREAS, After graduation, he was hired by the Courier-News  
9 in Elgin as an errand boy and was shooting photos for the  
10 newspaper a year later; when he retired from the newspaper 45  
11 years later, it ran a 4-page spread of his most memorable work,  
12 which included photos of the warship on the Fox; the tower of  
13 the Elgin National Watch Company toppling in 1966; floods,  
14 snowstorms, and devastating fires across the area; and various  
15 visiting celebrities and politicians; and

16           WHEREAS, Also among his memorable photos was one taken at  
17 the liberation of the concentration camp near Dachau, Germany,  
18 during World War II; he spent 3 years away from the newspaper  
19 during the war, serving in the Air Force and later as  
20 regimental photographer with the 22nd Infantry of the 42nd  
21 (Rainbow) Division; and

1           WHEREAS, Clippings from old Courier-News articles recall  
2 his election as commodore of the Lake Geneva Sailing Club in  
3 Elgin in 1963 and his receipt of the Pioneer Medal award from  
4 the Pioneer Memorial Foundation of Illinois in 1983; they also  
5 note his vacation home in Door County, Wisconsin; and

6           WHEREAS, He and his wife, Peggy, were married 65 years and  
7 had 3 children: Gary Lohs, Janet Lohs, and David Lohs;  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
12 Clifford Lohs; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Clifford Lohs as a symbol of our  
15 sincere sympathy.